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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Community First Choice Transmittal No. 11
Community Personal Assistance Services Transmittal No. 8
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To: Community First Choice Providers
Community Personal Assistance Services Providers

From: Marlana R. Hutchinson, Director 
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Subject: One-time Rate Increase for Home and Community-Based Services

Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Effective November 1, 2021, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program will increase the rates for program services rendered to Medicaid participants under COMAR 10.09.20 Community Personal Assistance Services and COMAR 10.09.84 Community First Choice by 5.2 percent (*see enclosed fee schedules*).

In early 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into federal law. The ARPA provides support for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) during the COVID-19 emergency by providing a 10 percent enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (eFMAP). During the 2021 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed Budget Bill (HB 588) directing Medicaid to spend at least 75 percent of federal ARPA reinvestment dollars for a one-time only provider rate increase. This 5.2 percent rate increase is a result of these efforts.

If you have any questions regarding program rates, please contact Lisa Toland, Chief, Division of Provider Enrollment, Claims and Compliance at (410) 767-5792 or lisa.toland@maryland.gov.

COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE
Payment Rates Effective November 1, 2021

Service	Procedure Code	Rate
Accessibility Adaptations	W5513	Combined \$15,780 maximum over a 3-year period
Technology	W5514	
Consumer Training	W5518	\$51.67 per hour \$12.92 (per 15-minute unit)
Environmental Assessments	W5512	\$506.97 per assessment
Home Delivered Meals	W5516	\$7.24 per meal
Personal Assistance Services	W5519	\$20.54 per hour (\$5.13 per 15-minute unit)
Personal Assistance Services (Shared Attendant)	W5521	\$13.68 per hour (\$3.42 per 15-minute unit)
Personal Assistance Services (Daily)	W5532	\$264.74 per day
Personal Assistance Services (Shared Daily)	W5533	\$176.49 per day
Personal Emergency Response Systems – Installation	W5510	Up to \$526.00 (annually)
Personal Emergency Response Systems – Monthly Monitoring	W5511	\$47.34 per month
Supports Planning (On-going)	W5523	\$74.69 per hour (\$18.67 per 15-minute unit)
Supports Planning (Comprehensive)	W5524	\$74.69 per hour (\$18.67 per 15-minute unit)
Supports Planning (Administrative)	W5525	\$74.69 per hour (\$18.67 per 15-minute unit)
Transition Services*	W5517	\$3,000 maximum per transition
Nurse Monitoring	W5522	\$101.24 per hour (\$25.31 per 15-minute unit)

**Please note that transition services are not subject to the one-time rate increase of 5.2 percent.*

COMMUNITY PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES
Payment Rates Effective November 1, 2021

Service	Procedure Code	Rate
Personal Assistance Services	W5527	\$20.54 per hour (\$5.13 per 15-minute unit)
Personal Assistance Services (Shared Attendant)	W5528	\$13.68 per hour (\$3.42 per 15-minute unit)
Supports Planning (On-Going)	W5526	\$74.69 per hour (\$18.67 per 15-minute unit)
Supports Planning (Comprehensive)	W5524	\$74.69 per hour (\$18.67 per 15-minute unit)
Supports Planning (Administrative)	W5525	\$74.69 per hour (\$18.67 per 15-minute unit)
Nurse Monitoring	W5529	\$101.24 per hour (\$25.31 per 15-minute unit)